#### **Marion Fire District**

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# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – October 31, 2019**

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on October 31, 2019. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Shirley Webster, Greg Mercurio, and Dick Ramos. Also present was John Devine, Board Treasurer and Chief Mast for the department.

#### **PLEDGE**

M/S/C (Ratka, Ramos) consented to the agenda M/S/C (Ratka, Mercurio) approved minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting on September 26, 2019

Public Comment: Anyone wishing to speak will give their name, address, and will have 3 minutes to speak. Public present: Lily Brower, Bill Tweksbury, community members, and Gary Webster Fire Fighter/EMT were present for the meeting.

#### **Financial**

- A. M/S/C (Ratka, Webster) approved current claims for payment
- B. Review and Approval of Treasurers Report

John Devine Board Treasurer - provided overview of Treasurer's Report - Cash Balance as of 10/31/19 = \$64,690.61 - Capital Improvement balance as of 9/30/19 = \$11,237.34. M/S/C (Mercurio, Ratka) review and approval of Treasurer's Report

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Mast Total Calls to Date: 155

17 calls down from last year

13 calls since last meeting on September 26, 2019

- 9 Medical- (7 Marion pt transports-1 with Smith Valley medic, 1 pt refusal, 1 cancelled call)
- 1 Recreational burn
- 1 Motor Vehicle Accident, non-injury
- 1 automatic fire alarm
- 1 Public Service Call (Cat in the heat duct)

#### Personnel:

One new application.

## **Training:**

Oct 1, Fire -Maintenance and Prep for Fire Prevention

Oct 3, Medical -EMT Class

Oct 5, Medical -EMT Class

Oct 8, Business Meeting

- M/S/C means a motion made by the trustee named in the following parentheses, and then seconded and carried.
- If you wish to listen to an audio recording of this meeting, please submit a written request.
- Advance notice of this meeting was provided to the public via a reader board at the Marion Community Center and publication in the *Daily Inter Lake*, the District's website <a href="www.marionfd.org">www.marionfd.org</a>, and its Facebook page at <a href="www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT">www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT</a>.

Oct 10, Medical -EMT Class

Oct 12, Medical -EMT Class

Oct 15, Fire -Chimney fires and Ladders

Oct 17, Medical -EMT Class

Oct 19, Medical -EMT Class

Oct 22, Fire -Prep for Halloween

Oct 23, Medical -EMT Class

Oct 24, Medical -EMT Class

Oct 26, Medical -EMT Class

Oct 29, Fire -Cold Weather Operations

Oct 30, Medical -EMT Class

# **Equipment Maintenance and Updates:**

Water tender 1193- nothing to report

Water tender 1192- nothing to report

Water tender 1191- nothing to report

Engine 1131- nothing to report

Engine 1132- nothing to report

Engine 1133- nothing to report

Engine 1134- needs a new air cooler

Engine 1181- Its crew reported that the engine passed with "flying colors"

Command Rig 1161- nothing to report

Ambulance 1121-Nothing to report

Ambulance 1122- Nothing to report

Ambulance 1123- Nothing to report

Host Testing is complete.

## **Upcoming Costs:**

- Ashley Lake Power Load system
- TECC-Tactical Emergency Casualty Care course cost

#### **Community Events:**

- Fire Prevention Week-Event on October 4<sup>th</sup> with the Marion and Pleasant Valley Elementary schools went well.
- The Halloween event with the school was well attended.

## Additional Discussion and Updates:

- Ashley Lake Water system update
- EMT class

# **Conclusion of Chief's Report**

# **Action Items:**

- **A.** Pintler/Collection Accounts no updates/discussion
- B. Power Load Greg Mercurio provided an update refurbished unit likely cheaper (5K). Greg will

check on the warranty status prior to purchase. The possibility of the Foundation purchasing the unit was also discussed. Further discussion is scheduled for the November meeting.

- **C.** By-Laws Vargie Williams provided board members with a current copy of this document. Board members were requested to review the document for possible revisions and/or changes. Amendments will be re-addressed at the November meeting.
  - D. Emergency Actions None

## **Discussion Items:**

- **A.** Annual Appreciation Dinner Vargie Williams requested feedback on food choices Greg Mercurio will follow-up with vendors in Kalispell regarding cost and review during November meeting. 60 participants are expected. Board members re-discussed dates for this event. Board members agreed on January 11, 2020 at 6PM. The deadline for finalizing the details for this event is early December 2019.
- **B.** Nomination of Officers Nominations will be discussed during the November meeting. Voting will be an action item for the December meeting.

Announcements:
 Next Meeting Date: November 21, 2019 at 5:00PM.

Adjournment: 5:45PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster, Board Secretary.

Attest:
Vargie Williams, Chair Date